

Rapidan Wildlife Management Area

2016-2017 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

BIG GAME HUNTING SEASONS

Bear	<i>Hound Training/Chase Season:</i> AUG 13 – SEP 24, <i>including Sundays</i> (No Black Bear may be taken during this season. 4:00 AM to 10:00 PM) <i>Archery:</i> OCT 1 – NOV 18 <i>Muzzleloader:</i> NOV 12 – NOV 18 <i>Youth/Apprentice Hunter Day:</i> OCT 8 <i>Dogs may be used</i> (See p. 28 of the Hunting & Trapping in Virginia 2016-2017 regulations digest for more details) <i>Firearms:</i> NOV 28 – JAN 7, DEC 3 – JAN 7 <i>Dogs may be used to hunt bear</i>
Deer	<i>Youth/Apprentice Hunter Day:</i> SEP 24, Either Sex (see p. 35 of the Hunting & Trapping in Virginia 2016-2017 regulations digest for more details) <i>Archery:</i> OCT 1 – NOV 18, Either Sex full season <i>Muzzleloader:</i> NOV 5 – NOV 18, Either Sex NOV 12 <i>Firearms:</i> NOV 19 – JAN 7, Either Sex NOV 26, DEC 3, DEC 10, DEC 12 – JAN 7 (Legal Weapons include: Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol, Muzzleloader, Archery/Crossbow) <u>Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation</u> – Deer hunters 15 years of age and under, resident or nonresident, may take one antlerless deer per license year on days other than designated Either Sex deer hunting days during the Muzzleloader and Firearms Seasons.
Turkey	Fall (Turkeys of Either Sex may be taken) <i>Archery:</i> OCT 1 – NOV 12 <i>Youth/Apprentice Hunter Day:</i> OCT 15 <i>Firearms:</i> OCT 29 – NOV 11, NOV 24 Spring (Bearded turkeys only may be taken. Spring turkeys must be checked online at www.HuntFishVA.com or by telephone, 1-866-Got-Game [468-4263].) <i>Youth/Apprentice Hunter Day:</i> APR 1 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset) APR 8 – APR 29 (½ hour before sunrise to noon) MAY 1 – MAY 13 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset)

SMALL GAME AND MIGRATORY GAMEBIRD HUNTING SEASONS

Crow	SEP 3 – MAR 18 <i>Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only</i>	
Groundhog	SEP 1 – MAR 10, APR 8 – MAY 13 (during Spring Turkey Season), JUN 3 – JUN 17	
Grouse	OCT 29 – FEB 11	Rabbit NOV 5 – FEB 28
Quail	NOV 12 – JAN 31	Squirrel SEP 3 – FEB 28, JUN 3 – JUN 17
Dove	SEP 3 – SEP 9 (noon until sunset), SEP 10 – OCT 30 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset) <i>Labor Day, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only</i> NOV 19 – NOV 27, DEC 24 – JAN 15 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset)	
Woodcock	OCT 29 – NOV 4, DEC 9 – JAN 15 (½ hour before sunrise to sunset)	
Waterfowl	Visit www.HuntFishVA.com to find the 2016-2017 waterfowl seasons	

FURBEARER HUNTING SEASONS

Bobcat	<i>Archery:</i> OCT 1 – OCT 31	<i>Firearms:</i> NOV 1 – FEB 28
Coyote	same as Groundhog	Opossum OCT 15 – MAR 10
Fisher	<i>Continuous closed season</i>	
Fox	NOV 1 – FEB 28	Skunk same as Groundhog
Raccoon	<i>Firearms:</i> OCT 15 – MAR 10	<i>Chase:</i> Continuous open season

TRAPPING SEASONS

Beaver	DEC 1 – FEB 28	Muskrat DEC 1 – FEB 28
Bobcat	NOV 15 – FEB 28	Opossum NOV 15 – FEB 28
Coyote	NOV 15 – FEB 28	Otter DEC 1 – FEB 28
Fisher	<i>Continuous closed season</i>	Raccoon NOV 15 – FEB 28
Fox	NOV 15 – FEB 28	Skunk NOV 15 – FEB 28
Mink	DEC 1 – FEB 28	Weasel DEC 1 – FEB 28

Sunday hunting is prohibited for all species except waterfowl. Properly licensed individuals may hunt, fish, and trap. No additional permit is required to hunt, fish, and trap on this WMA.